

They Lied to Me ...and it impacted my life...

by Kat Rowoldt

I had the opportunity to sit in on an informative meeting in San Antonio. The topic was the issue of children being forced to endure the indecency, humiliation, and awkwardness of having another student, or employee of the school system, of the opposite sex being allowed into their restrooms, lockers, showers, and even hotel rooms (when team travels overnight). San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD) is allowing this to happen because this is the unrefuted law of the land. SAISD has listed SOGI (sexual orientation, gender identification) as a protected class of employee and student.



This was an excellent presentation by Pastor Charles Flowers, Jonathan Saenz and Nicole Hudgens of Texas Values, Pastor Gilbert Hernandez, and Allen Parker. It was not a hateful or gay bashing meeting, but one which was focused on the rights of all the students, including those who have gender dysphoria.

In the midst of listening to the presentation, and considering the impact this will have on the children in school today, something from my own experience growing up hit me. I grew up in the generation where the sexual revolution was happening. While still in my parent's home, television went from Lucy and Ricky Ricardo sleeping in twin beds, to Goldie Hahn in a skimpy bikini on Laugh-In to John Ritter playing a gay guy to live with Suzanne Somers and Janet DeWitt on Three's Company a couple of years later.

As a young impressionable teen, these visuals were imprinted on my mind, allowing me to think this was the way life really was, that what I was seeing on the screen was real life. I was so wrong, but I didn't realize it for years to come. What my generation viewed on TV became the template for how we lived our lives. Considering the discussion at hand last Thursday evening, the children of today are going to be imprinted with the false reality that people do not know what gender they are by physical design, but you must experiment with all types of relationships in order to discover the real you. Of course, there is a complete absence of anything known as right or wrong.

Abraham Lincoln may have been prophetic when he stated, "The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation, is the philosophy of government in the next." I am truly watching it play out in my own lifetime. What will tomorrow's

government and society be if today's classroom is sexually confused and all sense of decency is removed?

There were some very serious issues discussed regarding the implications of SOGI laws in the San Antonio ISD. The consensus of the group was this agenda item was carefully hidden from the public in its wording so it did not properly give notice of the topic to be discussed with the public. They stressed how very important it is to show up to the school board meetings, that government belongs to those who show up!

Questions they presented to the group were:

- Will SAISD withhold information on students declaring themselves under SOGI protection?
- How will they handle transgender?
- Will they address students by another name?

Those questions sound simply crazy, but they are today's reality. If a student alerts the school to his preferred sexual orientation, the administration has a duty to protect/keep that information, even from his parents. If a student tells the school he would rather be called Sue, and not Bill, the administration will list the student as Sue for school purposes, but refer to him to his parents as Bill, basically keeping the parents in the dark.

Keep in mind, only 4% of our population identifies as LGBTQIA. 96% of our population is heterosexual. What a very slippery slope we find ourselves on today. Fingers were strongly pointed at Texas Speaker of the House, Joe Straus, and Rep. Byron Cook for failing to protect our children during the Special Session which just concluded last month at the State Capitol. Governor Abbott had identified the "Bathroom Bill," as it is commonly called, as one of his 20 issues he wanted to have addressed during the special session. Cook held it hostage so it never made it to the House floor for debate. Straus, when called on the carpet about it by Rep. Jonathan Stickland, said he would not help in the matter.

So where does your school district stand on this matter? What guidance, instruction is in their school district manuals? Do their policies reflect your family's standards?

I just discovered our granddaughter who enrolled at Howard College was instructed gender pronouns had to be used properly: he, she or ze'. Seriously? This issue needs further investigation and a whole lot of sunlight. I do believe it may be time for us parents and grandparents to have a say in what is happening. It always begins at home.

As I mentioned at the beginning, I felt lied to when I discovered that what the media, television, and our culture was telling me as a teen wasn't true. My family's values were correct, but peer pressure, fueled by these outside influences, steered me and my generation the wrong way. I can't imagine the horror tomorrow will hold for today's young generation when they awaken to truth.

Stay tuned for more information on this topic. If you have firsthand knowledge you'd like to share, please send it to me.

Until next time...

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